

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A film element (1) in the form of a hanger label having a hanging strap that is delimited by a punched area and can be pivoted out of or pulled away from a remaining surface of the hanger label, said hanging strap absorbing tensile forces when in use, wherein the film element (1) has at least one film layer with at least one zone of weakening (6a, 6b, 9a, 9b, 13, 15a, 15b, 16) which extends in the direction of action of the tensile forces (F) and reduces local stress peaks under load, this zone being provided in at least one region (A, B, C, D) of the hanging strap which is at risk of tearing under load, said zone of weakening being bordered within the film layer on both sides by unweakened material (7, 10a, 10b, 12a, 12b) in a direction across the direction of action of the tensile forces (F), wherein the zone of weakening has at least one longitudinal slot (9a, 9b) that passes through only one film layer (10a, 10b).

Claim 2 (Original): The film element according to claim 1, wherein the film element (1) has at least two film layers (10a,

10b, 12a, 12b).

Claim 3 (Original): The film element according to claim 2, wherein the film layers (10a, 10b, 12a, 12b) are at least partially bonded, welded or sealed to one another.

Claims 4-5: Canceled.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The film element according to claim 5~~1~~, wherein the film element has a plurality of longitudinal slots (9a, 9b) that are offset in relation to one another in different film layers (10a, 10b).

Claims 7-16: Canceled.